

## **Weekly Status & Information Report: August 1 - 5, 2011**

### **1. Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of August 8, 2011:**

- Tree Commission meeting, Tuesday, August 9, 6:30 p.m. in the Lilac Room
- Facade Advisory Board meeting, August 9, 7:00 p.m. in the Azalea Room
- Recreation Committee meeting, August 9, 7:00 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room
- Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting, August 11, 8:30 a.m. in the Hydrangea Room

All meetings are held in the Community Center and open to the public unless noted otherwise. Contact [jessiec@takomagov.org](mailto:jessiec@takomagov.org) to check for cancellations or for additional information. (City Clerk)

### **2. City Council Recess:** The City Council will be on recess until Tuesday, September 6. (City Clerk)

**3. Emergency Mortgage Assistance - Monday, August 8:** If you have lost income due to involuntary unemployment or medical problems, the State Of Maryland has a program that could help save your home from foreclosure. Applications for assistance must be submitted by mid-September. Counselors will be available to meet with individuals on Monday, August 8 from 3 to 8 p.m. at the Silver Spring Civic Center, One Veterans Place, Silver Spring. To learn more about the program and to register for a counseling session, call 410-514-7324. (Housing and Community Development)

**4. Y.E.S. League Championship Week:** Teams have been set and the battle for League supremacy is on!! After an awesome week of playoff basketball both the Middle and High school divisions will face off to compete for the crown. The Middle School championship game will be played on Tuesday, August 9 at 7:00 p.m. and the High School championship will be on Thursday, August 11 at 8:30 p.m. All Championship games will be held at Piney Branch gym. This is your last chance to check out the super hot Y.E.S. League action!!! (Recreation)

**5. Summer Quest Campfire:** Our annual Summer Quest "Campfire" will take place this coming Monday, August 8 at 7:00 p.m. We'll do a simple craft, sing some camp songs and then gather 'round our "campfire" to read some stories. All are welcome, but we ask that you register so that we can be sure to have enough craft supplies for everyone. To register, please go to [www.takomapark.info/library/registration.html](http://www.takomapark.info/library/registration.html) or call us at 301-891-7259. Thanks to our wonderful Friends of the Library for sponsoring this program. (Library)

**6. Ukulele Concert - Wednesday, August 10:** "We are Takoma" presents "UKULELE JOY - a musical celebration of the tiny instrument" this coming Wednesday, August 10 at 7 PM in the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue. This FREE concert features performances by HMT Ukulele Ensembles, Song Siren Maureen Andary of The Sweater Set & Grammy-nominated beat boxer Christylez Bacon. For more information, check out our Events page at <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/event.php?eid=259838770694437> (Housing and Community Development)

**7. Third Thursday Poetry Reading Series - Monday, August 15:** The Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission's popular "Third Thursday" poetry series, hosted by Martin FitzPatrick, begins its sixth season this fall. As in the past, the series will feature some of the finest poets in Takoma Park and in the region. To be considered as a featured poet in the 2011-2012 series, please submit 3 to 5 of your poems to the Commission at [SaraD@takomagov.org](mailto:SaraD@takomagov.org). The deadline for submissions is Monday, August 15. For more information, please contact Sara Anne Daines at 301.891.7224 or [SaraD@takomagov.org](mailto:SaraD@takomagov.org). (Housing & Community Development)

**8. Home Owners and Renters Tax Credit Applications - Due September 1:** Dont miss the September 1, 2011 deadline for submitting your application for the Maryland Tax Credit Program. The program is designed to help low income home owners and renters by limiting the amount that they pay in property taxes. To receive the tax credit, an application and all supporting documentation must be sent to the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation no later than September 1. Applications for either tax credit program can be obtained by calling 301-891-7222. They are also available online at <http://www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/taxcredits.html> (Housing and Community Development)

**9. Community Development Block Grant Applications - Due September 6:** The City of Takoma Park is accepting proposals for the use of its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis to community organizations for a wide range of activities directed toward neighborhood revitalization, economic development, and the provision of improved community facilities and services. Approximately \$25,000 is available for programming which primarily benefits individuals or households of low and moderate incomes. An estimated \$100,000 is available for capital projects benefitting low and moderate income neighborhoods. The project could be something that the organization does on its own or in partnership with the City of Takoma Park. Funds would be available in mid to late 2012. Program Guidelines and CDBG Application are available online <http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/>. Deadline for submissions is 4:00 PM on Tuesday, September 6, 2011. For more information, please contact Sara Anne Daines at 301.891.7224 or by email at [SaraD@takomagov.org](mailto:SaraD@takomagov.org). (Housing & Community Development)

10. **Annual Rent Stabilization Reports - Due September 30:** Landlords were notified this week that their annual rent stabilization rent reports are due by September 30. The rent report, which covers the period from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, is required of most rent stabilized multi-family rental facilities and individually rented condominiums. The rent increase allowed during the recording period was 2.3%. Single family rentals and approved accessory apartments are exempt from rent stabilization. If you have a question about the reporting requirements or the rent that is being charged for your rental unit, contact 301-891-7222 for assistance. *(Housing and Community Development)*
11. **6413 Orchard Avenue (Ward 3):** A preliminary plan for the development at 6413 Orchard Avenue has been submitted. The plan is currently being reviewed by the M-NCPPC Development Review Division, and is available for viewing at the Housing & Community Development office. For more information contact Carman Lam at (301) 891-7219, or [CarmanL@takomagov.org](mailto:CarmanL@takomagov.org). *(Housing & Community Development)*
12. **Approved Foreclosure Prevention Counseling Agencies:** Four agencies have been approved by the County to offer free foreclosure prevention counseling to residents: Housing Initiative Partnership (301-916-5946/[www.hiphomes.org](http://www.hiphomes.org)), Latino Economic Development Corporation (866-977-5332/[www.ledcmetro.org](http://www.ledcmetro.org)), HomeFree USA (301-355-6140/[www.homefreeusa.org](http://www.homefreeusa.org)) and Asian-American Homeownership Counseling, Inc. (301-760-7636/[www.aa-hc.org](http://www.aa-hc.org)). Residents concerned about the possibility of foreclosure are encouraged to contact one of these agencies for assistance. *(Housing and Community Development)*
13. **Beauty and Dance Workshop for Seniors:** Fifteen seniors participated in a special inter-generational workshop on Wednesday morning, August 3. In partnership with the Recreation Department, students from Teen Exchange, a youth-led modern dance group program of the Liz Lerman Dance Exchange, provided seniors with a free creative "beauty through movement" workshop including dance improv activities and fun choreography. The seniors are looking forward to future workshops. *(Recreation)*
14. **Seniors at National Night Out:** Dozens of seniors came to the 2011 National Night Out event to enjoy the food and festivities with friends and neighbors. Members of the Silver Foxes Seniors Advisory Group, Susan Leitch, Jennifer Tyndaal, and Melvenia Carter, joined Paula Lisowski, Recreation Department, to staff the senior's table, offer senior program information, and play table games with Takoma Park residents of all ages. Everyone had a great time and we look forward to next year's event. Many thanks to the Takoma Park Police Department, and special thanks to event organizer, Carla Magnaye. *(Recreation)*
15. **White Water Tubing:** On Wednesday, August 3, twelve teens and 2 staff enjoyed a fun filled day of White Water Tubing in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. After a few hours of splashing, intentionally flipping into the Potomac River and dodging huge boulders, the group settled down to a cook out before heading back to Takoma Park. Out of the 12 teens that attended, this was the first white water tubing trip for 9 kids. We look forward to providing more enriching experiences for teens throughout the month of August! *(Recreation)*
16. **Camp Recess Week #6; Fun and Surprises!!:** The 6th week of Camp Recess was another great week of fun for everyone. Highlights of the week included campers playing a very exciting game of dodge ball. Participants also went swimming and had a fun time on a very humid day. Dave Burbank presented another interactive and impressive Comic Jam project. Also, Karen MacPherson, Takoma Park Library, surprised campers with another fun arts and crafts project. Michelle Morgan (Friends of Takoma Park Library) also came to Camp Recess to present books that are being donated to the Recreation Center for Camp Recess and Kidz City. Campers also received free popsicles from Detective Joseph Butler of the Takoma Park Police Department. This week's treat included a cook-out and a free trip to Laugh Out Loud Station in Greenbelt, Maryland. Both events were sponsored by the Takoma Park Lions Club. Stay tuned for more excitement and fun. *(Recreation)*
17. **Jazzercise Free Demonstrations!:** On August 1, 3 & 6, Jazzercise hosted free demonstration classes at Takoma Park Recreation Center. The classes were exciting and well attended. This easy to follow aerobic-dance class combines weights for muscle strength and stretching exercises to the beat of great music. Come and join the fun. *(Recreation)*
18. **Video Editing is Coming to Your Community Center:** Looking for something fun to do this Fall? How about create your own video! Enhance your digital storytelling skills using the power of the Final Cut Studio. Final projects for each class will be short videos that you create and are yours to keep. For class information, please contact John Pitt, Class Instructor, (202) 413-0648, [JohnPitt22@hotmail.com](mailto:JohnPitt22@hotmail.com). For registration information, please contact Gregory Clark, Deputy Recreation Director, (301) 891-7227, [GregoryC@takomagov.org](mailto:GregoryC@takomagov.org). *(Recreation)*
19. **Rookie Sports Camp:** This past week 16 campers ages 3-5 participated in the Rookie Sports Camp. Camp was filled with excitement as each day was packed with action. Campers were able to express themselves and show off their many talents while participating in sports such as: basketball, kickball, soccer and T-ball. They were also able to compete in events like: scooter races, obstacle courses and parachute runs. At the end of camp on Friday each child received participation awards for a job well done! *(Recreation)*

20. **Life is a Circus:** Camp Takoma had a blast creating their own circus this week practicing each day for their big circus show on Friday. Campers imitated lions, bears, birds and elephants. The biggest treat of all was watching the Bowie Baysox take on the Rochester Sea Wolves. Several children got to catch foul balls and even got one signed by a professional baseball player! Another camper got to participate in an on field game between innings. To top off a great week, participants enjoyed two treats at the circus: cotton candy and popcorn. Next weeks theme is Wet and Wild Water Week. *(Recreation)*

21. **Simply Scientific:** Science camp was filled with excitement this week. Campers got to create crystals, make volcanos and watch them flow with Lava. The future scientists experimented mixing household chemicals to make goo, oobleck (Dr. Seuss), scientific glue, ice cream and bubble bombs. Other exciting experiments include making bouncy balls, testing which melts faster milk chocolate or dark chocolate, aerodynamics and how we can make sounds sound different. *(Recreation)*

22. **Comics Jam:** Mark your calendars for our last "Comics Jam" of the summer, which will take place on Monday, August 15, at 7:00 p.m. Dave Burbank, our comics guru, will help us read comics together on the "big screen." This is a great way for families to spend some reading time together, sharing some fun stories. Participants are welcome to bring comics they'd like to have us read a few pages of during the program. Dave ends "Comics Jam" with his hugely-popular "drawing requests" event; kids, what would you like Dave to draw for you? No registration, just come, stay cool and have fun reading together! *(Library)*

23. **After the Night Out:** Chief Ricucci thanks the residents, City employees, elected officials and National Night Out participants for making National Night Out on 8-2 our most successful one yet. He sends a special thanks to Governor Martin O'Malley who chose Takoma Park to visit. We were one of only three departments in the State he visited. Citizens and police working together is a recipe for successful crime reduction. If you would like to see photographs from the event, please visit the Takoma Park Police Departments Facebook page. To become a fan of the City of Takoma Park Police Department Facebook page, you must have a Facebook account. You can then search City of Takoma Park Police Department and add the page to your account and receive police communications directly to your Facebook page, as well as see the photographs. *(Police)*

24. **Officers in Meetings:**

- On August 1, Chief Ricucci, along with members of the Department, partnered with Safe Takoma, Transit Police and the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) to give out crime prevention brochures and met with the community at the Takoma Park Metro Station.
- On August 4, Chief Ricucci met with Chief Treschuk of the Rockville City Police Department to discuss mutual interests. *(Police)*

25. **Crime Report:** The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (July 29 - August 4, 2011) may be viewed online at: <http://tppolice.blogspot.com/2011/08/takoma-park-police-department-weekly.html>. *(Police)*

26. **Officers in Training:** On August 1 - 2, Pfc. Carla Magnaye attended a community Oriented Policing Conference in Washington, D.C. *(Police)*

27. **Traffic Enforcement:** Officers conducted at least 190 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, six vehicle impounds, one Driving Under the Influence (DUI) arrest from traffic, and seven arrests from traffic.

*During July 29 August 4, 2011, the following details were completed:*

July 29, 2011

- Prince Georges Avenue & Belford Place (stop sign enforcement) conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- Maple Avenue & Sherman Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three State citations.
- Erskine Street at 13th Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation.
- Flower Avenue & Piney Branch Road (failure to stay right of center) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation and one warning.

July 30, 2011

- Maple Avenue & Lincoln Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation.

July 31, 2011

- Flower Avenue & Piney Branch Road (failure to stay right of center) - conducted a two-hour detail and issued two State citations and six warnings.
- Maple Avenue & Lincoln Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations.

August 1, 2011

- Maple Avenue & Lincoln Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- Erskine Street at 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued one State citation.
- 7500 block of Carroll Avenue (speeding) - conducted a two and a half hour detail and issued nine State citations for speed, eight other State citations and one warning.

#### August 2, 2011

- Erskine Avenue & 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued four State citations.
- 7500 block of Carroll Avenue (speeding) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued two State citations.
- Takoma-Langley Crossroads Area (tag reader/suspensions) conducted at detail at various times and issued five State citations.

#### August 3, 2011

- Maple Avenue & Lincoln Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation.
- Erskine Street & 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two warnings.
- 7500 block of Carroll Avenue (speeding) - conducted a two hour detail and issued six State citations for speed and 10 other State citations.
- Takoma-Langley Crossroads Area (tag reader/suspensions) conducted a detail at various times and issued 10 State citations.

#### August 4, 2011

- Maple Avenue at Sherman Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued five State citations.
- Erskine Street at 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued two State citations and two warnings.

(Police)

#### **28. Traffic Officer Stats (Cpl. Michelle Holmes) Week ending 8/6/11:**

Calls for service: 8

State Citations issued: 94

Safety Equipment Repair Orders (SEROs) issued: 6

Warnings: 2

City tickets: 8

Reports: 7

Court: 4 hours

(Police)